



Dear Wisconsin Angler,

Welcome to Wisconsin – home of the best and most diverse fishing in the country. We offer more waters than dedicated anglers could fish in several lifetimes...an incredible array of fish to catch...and some rare ones just to appreciate.

Fishing is a cornerstone of Wisconsin's culture and economy. Forty-eight percent of adults statewide fish, 60 percent in the Northwoods. We rank second in the country in the number of days nonresidents spend fishing here, and if we had Florida's weather and year-round open water, we'd probably be number one!

This 2006 Fishing Report can only hint at the great fishing opportunities awaiting you in Wisconsin.

But we hope the forecasts provided by many of our biologists help you understand how your favorite fishing spot is faring, based on the fish surveys and management actions we're taking to make your fishing better.

We hope this report also provides useful information about how we spend your fishing license dollars, and efforts to strengthen our fisheries management program and your fishing.

These advances are very important. While Wisconsin's geologic and glacial good fortune blessed the state with tremendous natural fisheries, the great fishing you enjoy today doesn't happen by accident. It takes Wisconsin's nationally renowned management program and the educational efforts and vigilance of our conservation wardens. It also takes the commitment of DNR staff in other programs and their partners to protect and restore the water quality and habitat your fish depend on. Most importantly, it takes you.

The fishing licenses and stamps you buy, your vocal and financial support of our program, and your time and labor are critical to conserving and enhancing Wisconsin fish populations and fishing opportunities for now and in the future.

So sit back, read up, and then hit the water to enjoy great fishing and the memories of a lifetime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. Staggs".

Mike Staggs
Director, Bureau of Fisheries
Management and Habitat Protection

